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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-109-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/7/2025 1:08 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 N. Comal
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Javier
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salazar		
Reporter Name:	gary wigal	Reporter Email:	gary.wigal@bexar.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: BALTEZAR

Middle Name:

Last Name: CASTANEDA

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/25/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Unknown

Age At Time Of Death: 40

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/7/2024 7:49 AM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Death Date and Time: 1/30/2025 8:39 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Sepsis complicating anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody associated vasculitis

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Not applicable

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?: Not Applicable

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

Pre existing medical condition?: Deceased developed condition after admission

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	200 N. Comal	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78207

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody:	County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Jail - single cell

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Entry Date Time:	3/7/2024 7:49 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?:	Yes

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Offense 1:

MURDER INTENTIONALLY CAUSES DEATH

Offense 2:

ARSON INTENT DAMAGE HAB/ PLACE

Offense 3:

ASSAULT FAMILY/ HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate	Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On January 30, 2024, at approximately 0820 hours, Infirmary Unit Dep. Abel Sifuentes #4597 went to wake up inmate Castaneda, Baltazar #817157. Dep. Sifuentes reported that the inmate did not respond to his questions, so he entered the cell. Dep. Sifuentes reported that he observed dry blood on the inmate's face (under nose). Dep. Sifuentes reported that he notified RN Driver and LVN Gallegos of his findings to which a CODE 1 Blue was immediately announced. Dep. Sifuentes and LVN Gallegos began to perform CPR on inmate Castaneda. Paramedics with San Antonio Fire Department arrived at approximately 0835 hours and continued life saving measures. Inmate Castaneda was pronounced deceased at 0839 hours per Dr. Winkler, Medical Director.